

Arguments 'FOR' Measure S

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(with **San Pablo** being counted as one word each)



Arguments For Measure S

Vote Yes on Measure S to re-enact (keep in place) an existing revenue stream that provides extensive public safety for San Pablo residents, including (but not limited to) funding for gang prevention, youth services, job creation, job training, and job placement for local residents (including the disenfranchised), and all other general city services.

This is NOT a new tax; it's a renewal of an existing, 10-year sales tax on purchases made in San Pablo that terminates in 2022. It is a ½% sales tax for the first 5 years; which will be cut in half (reduced to ¼%) for the following 5 years; then terminated, altogether.

Not one penny of these funds can be seized by the State; thus, 100% of these monies will stay in San Pablo and used to benefit of San Pablo residents. Furthermore, Measure S will generate money from visitors to the City when they purchase gas, eat at local restaurants, shop, etc.

The Covid-19 Pandemic has already had a huge impact on the City's General Fund; for example, income through this revenue stream (due to the *Shelter-in-Place* mandate) has decreased over one-third and will continue to decline until the Pandemic is over.

Thus, if this funding is allowed to terminate, the result will be a significant increase in crime throughout San Pablo, especially gang-related activities. A host of youth services will be cut back or eliminated, such as after-school programs, child care, childhood obesity prevention programs, and the youth summer employment. Job creation, job training, and job placement for local residents will be abolished. The list goes on and on.

As in the past 10 years, a Citizen's Oversight Committee will ensure that Measure S funding is spent as promised; annual audits will be conducted, and made public.

For answers to your questions, visit: <https://www.sanpabloca.gov/2694/MeasureS>

Vote Yes on Measure S.

The undersigned Proponent(s) or Author(s) hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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